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SUBJECT: CU/CP: B.B. KING

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- 1.) EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT INFORM KING MANAGEMENT THAT ONE CONCERT REGRETTABLY MUST BE CANCELLED. PERFORMANCE SLATED FOR MAINLAND HOTEL NOT FEASIBLE DUE INADEQUACY OF CONCERT HALL AND EXHORBITANT FEES CHARGED BY HOTEL. EMBASSY BELIEVES TWO PERFORMANCES WHOLLY SUFFICIENT, THREE MAY HAVE BEEN AN OVEREXTENSION.
- 2.) ADJUSTED PROGRAM: NOVEMBER 23 EVENING APPEARANCE (KING ONLY) ON LAGOSCOPE PROGRAM: NOV. 24 12:00 OR 13:00 JAZZ WORKSHOP AT UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS, FOLLOWED BY 15:00 HRS. PERFORMANCE AT UNIVERSITY 20:00 HRS. BUFFET DINNER AT CAO'S RESIDENCE. NOV. 25 16:00 HRS

PERFORMANCE AT MOBOLAJI JOHNSON SPORTS CENTER. LOCAL BACKUP BAND WILL PRECEDE KING APPEARANCE (PRIMARILY TO LENGTHEN PROGRAM TO MEET LOCAL EXPECTATIONS).

- 3.) HOPE CANCELLATION ONE PERFORMANCE WILL NOT AFFECT DEPT'S CONTRACT WITH KING RE NUMBER OF CONCERT DAYS.
- 4.) ALTHOUGH VOA ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOUR HEARD BY MEMBERS OF LOCAL PRESS, DO NOT PLAN TO ISSUE DETAILS UNTIL LATER.

5.) ADVISE.

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